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7. (Amended) The use of a compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, as a pharmaceutical for the treatment of any state with increased endogenous level of CRF or in which the HPA is disregulated, or of a disease induced or facilitated by CRF.
8. (Amended) The use of a compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of any state with increased endogenous level of CRF or in which the HPA is disregulated, or of a disease induced or facilitated by CRF.
9. (Amended) A method for the treatment of any state with increased endogenous level of CRF or which the HPA is disregulated, or of a disease induced or facilitated by CRF in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to such subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment to the specification, a cross-reference has been inserted beneath the title of page 1.

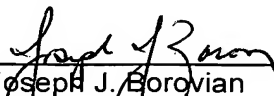
Claims 4-9 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and correct editorial errors.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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